PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

An application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Water Quality Certification Unit

Division of Water Rights

P.O. Box 2000

Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: November 19, 2009

PROJECT: Eastern Sierra Hydroelectric Power Projects, Inyo and

Mono Counties

APPLICANT: Southern California Edison Company

AGENT: Danielle Chupa, Environmental Compliance Manager

COUNTY: Inyo and Mono

RECEIVING WATER: Mill Creek, Lee Vining Creek, Rush Creek and Bishop

Creek

PUBLIC NOTICE: December 28, 2009

PROJECT STATUS: Pending Certification Action

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Southern California Edison Company (SCE) operates four hydroelectric power projects, known as the Eastern Sierra Hydroelectric Power Projects, consisting of: Lundy Hydroelectric Project, Lee Vining Creek Hydroelectric Project, Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project, and Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project. SCE proposes to conduct work at several sites at each of the hydroelectric projects to remove material and vegetation that obstructs or interferes with water measurements and water diversions associated with power generation. Routine operation and maintenance activities will also be conducted at each hydroelectric project.

The California Department of Fish and Game is the lead agency for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Eastern Sierra Hydroelectric Power Projects. The State Water Resources Control Board is a responsible agency under CEQA.